Korean offer for Oil exploration

297. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the daily "The Economic Times" dated 5th November, 1990 under the caption "Hyundai outsmarts ONGC" to the effect that the Neelam Oilfield, the second biggest oilfield after Bombay High has suffered a set-back in view of ONGC not seeking extension of the validity of the Korean offer resulting in additional expenditure of Rs. 100 crores in foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes Sir. However, it is not correct that Neelam Oilfield has suffered a set back in view of ONGC not seeking extension of the validity of Korean offer resulting in additional expenditure of Rs. 100 crores in foreign exchange. In fact, ONGC has been seeking extension of validity of the offer of M|s. Hyundai Heavy Industries well in time. While agreeing to extend the validity beyond 31-7-1990, M|s. Hyundai Heavy Industries had indicated certain cost escalation.

(b) A decision on this tender would be taken after the Neelam Oilfield Development Project is finally approved by the Government.

Loss of academic days due to students" agitation in Delhi

298. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many days of the current academic year had been lost by the student community in Delhi Colleges due to their recent agitation on reservation issue;

(b) whether Government propose to compensate the students by allowing more time to complete the year's academic work; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, there was some loss of studies in the first term to the student community in Delhi Colleges due to recent agitation on reservation issue. The quantum of loss of teaching days, however, varied from College to College depending upon the local conditions operating in a particular institution.

(b) and (c) The Academic Council of the University, in its meeting held on 22nd November, 1990, took certain decisions to see that the students do not in any way suffer because of the loss of teaching days. The Council decided to make up the loss of teaching days by arranging additional teaching on week days|off days by the Department|Colleges concerned. The University|Departments were also asked to consider, depending on their assessment of teaching time lost|required, especially for semester course, to vary the period of the winter break.

Shortage of petroleum products in the country

299. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of petroleum products like LPG|Petrol|Diesel etc. in Delhi|UP|Gujarat and other parts of the country since the last 4-5 months;